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Dear Harold,

Your mother's residence is less than a mile and a half from where we live. However, you didn't give us her telephone number so we can get in touch with you about the time of pick up. Our number is 764-7753.

You'll have the whole back seat.

What is your sister's name? Perhaps she could go out to Merkel's (see enclosed coupon) and find a collapsible wheel chair there that would suit you. As I remember, you were on the heavy side so you'd need a sturdy chair.

As a comparison for prices in your area I called Merkel's and collapsible chairs start at $290. They rent for $25 a month for a plain chair and $55 a month with elevated leg rest. These prices are all 10% less with the enclosed coupon.

I believe this expense would be a tax deductible health care item on your income tax and if you check with Blue Cross and Medicare it might be a re-imbursible expense by one of these two, with doctor's prescription.

On another tack I suggest you contact the Frederick Lions Club or Volunteer Fire Dept. for a loan of this equipment. When I was president of the Claymont Lions Club, shortly after I returned from WW II, we started a "bank" of crutches, wheel chairs, hospital beds, etc. for the use of residents of the Claymont

area. I understand that is now pretty standard procedure in many other areas and with other service clubs.

I don't know of any individual with a chair for ~~sale~~ resale, but I think there is a very real possibility that there is a service club or fire company in your area that can meet your needs.

Perhaps a Want ad in your local paper would bring results as to a wheelchair to rent or buy.

~~Best~~ regards,

Jim